

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

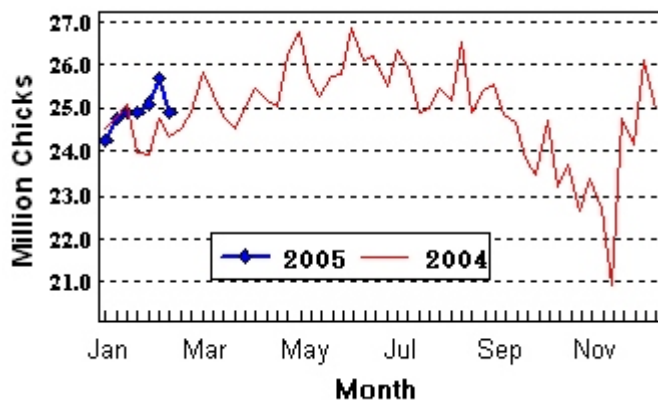
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending February 12, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but down 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.9 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84.3 percent.

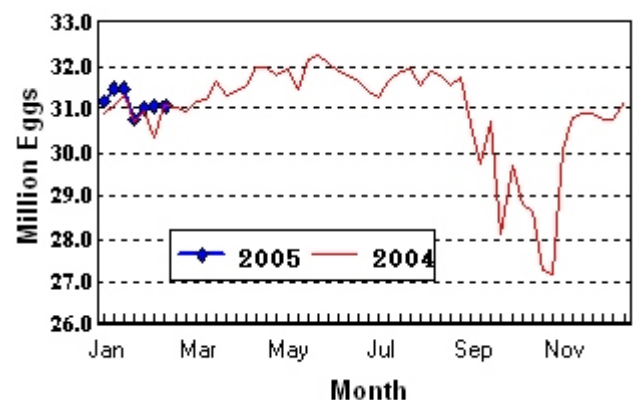
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 12, 2005, up fractionally from the same period last year, but down slightly from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jan. 8	24,787	24,740	100	25,312	25,457	101	31,084	31,479	101
Jan. 15	25,101	24,886	99	25,677	25,873	101	31,324	31,506	101
Jan. 22	23,982	24,907	104	25,486	25,852	101	30,728	30,744	100
Jan. 29	23,910	25,119	105	25,719	26,145	102	30,944	31,023	100
Feb. 5	24,766	25,702	104	25,821	26,367	102	30,374	31,088	102
Feb. 12	24,386	24,929	102	25,491	25,911	102	31,055	31,083	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb		08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	
Alabama	29,956 *	29,380	30,003	29,976	101	21,737	21,279	21,188	20,840	21,171	21,630	100
ARKANSAS	30,744	31,023	31,088 *	31,083	100	24,740	25,886	24,907	25,119	25,702	24,929	102
Delaware	3,772	3,898 *	3,916	3,929	106	5,792	6,111	5,353	5,294 *	5,402	5,233	125
Florida	1,338	1,338	1,332	1,343	99	1,505	1,554	1,525	1,638	1,500	1,500	88
Georgia	32,913 *	33,528	33,908	33,521	101	27,202	26,659	27,060	26,864	27,067	26,377	103
Kentucky	6,946 *	7,056	7,175	7,237	103	5,722 *	5,476 *	6,090 *	6,139 *	6,246 *	6,273	140
Louisiana	3,984	3,984	3,984	4,044	107	4,110	3,843	3,819	4,025	3,915	3,830	108
Maryland	8,147	8,584	8,882	8,900	100	5,367	4,624	5,299	4,194 *	5,319	4,826	75
Mississippi	19,830 *	19,770	19,693	19,558	102	17,575	17,195	17,012	17,634	17,559	18,184	111
N. Carolina	18,144 *	18,069	18,278	18,623	101	14,503	14,989	14,465 *	14,411	14,540	14,668	103
Oklahoma	6,448	6,511	6,453	6,467	102	4,771	5,537	4,481	4,783	5,165 *	5,258	107
Pennsylvania	3,887	4,001 *	4,060 *	4,039	112	3,028	2,864	2,987	2,909 *	2,963 *	2,826	106
S. Carolina	5,068	4,956	5,142	5,316	152	4,496	4,011	4,134	3,854	4,152	4,722	114
Texas	15,248	15,209	15,107	15,131	101	12,134	12,734	12,460	12,640 *	11,659 *	12,813	105
Virginia	6,370	6,542	6,496	5,980	95	4,718	5,252	5,660	5,703	4,826	5,385	106
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,538 *	17,499 *	17,995 *	18,256	105	16,066	15,719	16,209	15,264 *	15,775 *	17,390	111
Total 2005	211,333 *	211,348 *	213,512 *	213,403		173,466 *	173,733 *	172,649 *	171,311 *	172,961 *	175,844	
Total 2004	205,540	204,460	206,642	208,421		166,769	166,529	165,515	168,098	168,937	167,265	
%Prev. Year	103	103	103	102		104	104	104	102	102	105	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending February 12, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 12, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 12, 2005 were 1.04 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.